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## Obama's proposals on surveillance - Points



WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama on Friday proposed reforms of US surveillance programs in the wake of a public furor following revelations by former government contractor Ed-

ward Snowden.  
Here are Obama's key proposals:

-- REFORM OF TELEPHONE SURVEILLANCE

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## Aruba Elections 2013: Submissions of candidate lists



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# Aruba Elections 2013...



the original thirteen registered political parties on Aruba, only six submitted their lists, officially declaring anywhere from eight to a limit of twenty-nine candidates running for office under their banners.

The first to file their list of ten candidates was Red Eternal Democratico, (RED) followed by Partido Democracia Real, (PDR) led by the single independent member of the present parliament, Andin Bikker, with a full roster of 29 candidates.

The afternoon submissions began with parliamentarian and a former leading member of the "yellow" party, MEP, Candalario (Booshi) Wever and his newly founded group, Union Patriotico Progresista (United Progressive Party), or UPP. They have adopted the aqua blue of the Aruban flag as their rallying color. UPP submitted eight candidates for the coming elections. Imme-

diately after, Partido Patriotic Arubano, PPA, came forward to submit their list of 21 candidates.

The day ended with the currently two largest political parties on Aruba, Movimiento Electoral di Pueblo, (MEP) led by Parliamentarian Evelyn Wever-Croes, and the presently

Friday, August 9, marked a crucial and definitive day in the campaign trail for aspiring local politicians, which will end on September 27, when the public will vote on the 21 who will take seats in Parliament. Yesterday, political party leaders and their supporters displayed their colors and officially declared their candidates at the Nikky Beach auditorium on the eastern end of L.G. Smith Boulevard in Oranjestad. Of

ruling party, Arubaanse Volks Partij (AVP) dressed in green, presenting their lists of 29 candidates each.

Aruba's Prime Minister, Mike Eman, of AVP, with his wife Doina at his side, handed his list over to officials. They arrived at the Nikky Beach auditorium with

a huge following of supporters and great fanfare.

Despite the high spirits and emotional atmosphere of the procedure, the filing of the lists was conducted in an orderly fashion, without any incidence whatsoever.

By Rosalie Klein

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## Additional financial support to families receiving welfare with children in school



fee that schools charge, up to a maximum of Afsl.120 per person.

These extra payments will be made in the month of September together with the regular 'Bijs-tand' payment. Payment of the school fees will be made directly to the school. If the school fee is more than Afsl.120, the parent will be responsible for paying the difference. These extras are one time!

Parents with foster children in their care have to pick up the form to fill out at the school at which the child (ren) is inscribed as of 14-08-2013.

Parents are required to fill out and sign a form from the Department of Social Affairs for this financial support. The form must be filled out by August 30th! Forms submitted after this date will make you eligible for only the Afsl.200 monthly stipend payable in October 2013.

This form can be filled out at the Social Office in Oranjestad (Caya Mario E. Harms 11) or in San Nicolas (Bernardstraat 75 ex Medical Center) from 8 am – 11:45 am and 1 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

For more information consult the Department of Social Affairs at telephone 582-1100 and request the 'Bijs-tand Seccion.'

The government has announced that for school year 2013-2014 they will again offer extra financial support to families receiving "bijs-tand" (welfare) and have children in school.

This support is to help with the expenses of clothing, shoes, articles for school, etc.

This support is valid for students in kindergarten, as well as those attending other schools during regular school hours during the day.

Obviously, there are certain conditions to obtaining the support. Only families already receiving "bijs-tand" and with child(ren) living at home with the parent(s) will receive Afsl.120 for each child attending school, up to a maximum of Afsl.500 per family.

The government will also pay a portion of the parental

## Santa Rosa defending the interest of local fishermen



In view of the fact that fishing is an essential part of the economic income of various families on Aruba and that this profession is growing, the department of Agriculture, Livestock and Fishery (Santa Rosa) is pushing for a structural system. The objective will be to protect our maritime life as well as the income of each local fisherman.

The Blue Marlin, White Marlin, Spearfish, Sailfish, Swordfish and Tarpon are fish protected by international laws and must be returned safely to the ocean if captured. These fishes are being protected worldwide against becoming extinct. The "catch and release" law for these fishes are also applicable to our territorial waters.

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Protection for fish like the Cataboli, Chupachupa, White Kleinfish, Blue Kleinfish, Trumpet fish, Marbled Grouper, Nassau Grouper, Chubby, Jackknife fish and the Spotter Drum are in discussion at the moment. The discussion is how these fish are being affected by local fishing as well as how to protect these fish to ensure their survival for generations to come.

Santa Rosa has always been a fore stander for the rights of the local fisherman and will analyze profoundly the application of any law before this becomes effective. The meeting and analysis of different stakeholders on the level of Fishery and maritime is of importance for Aruba in view of the continued growth of fishing as a trade. It has become necessary to implement structural systems for this growth to continue and develop and protect it as an essential part of our economy, alimentation and culture of our island.

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## Aruba Hotels win international accolades



Aruba's ranking as a world-class tourism destination has been underlined with a raft of international accolades for its hotels' quality.

Six properties have been awarded TripAdvisor's Certificate of Excellence for 2013-14, while other honours have come for sustainable tourism and beach quality.

To qualify for a TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence, hotels must maintain an average rating of four or higher out of a possible five, as reviewed by travellers on the site. This recognition has gone to Aruba's Divi Mega Resort and its sister Tamarijn Mega Resort, together with the Radisson Aruba, the Ren-

issance Aruba Resort and the Boardwalk Hotel, a boutique property 200 yards from the island's renowned Palm Beach.

Meanwhile, La Cabana Beach Resort and Casino also gained the TripAdvisor recognition, as well as a platinum certificate, representing 10 years of continuous certification as an Earth Check resort. This places La Cabana among a unique group of worldwide sustainable tourism companies committed to sustainable practices.

On a different note, Aruba's Eagle Beach has been ranked No.3 in the Caribbean's best walking beaches, as rated by Caribbean Journal, the region's leading digital newspaper, covering more than 20 countries and territories.

Making the award, Caribbean Journal said: 'Aruba is about the colour of the sand, the combination of the water and the island's special light. Eagle Beach is an ideal place to take it all in and being in the low rise hotel district makes the vistas that much better.'

### *Are you ready for the challenge?* Last day to sign up for Subway's "Fight for Fit Program"



Subway Restaurants are determined to inspire and motivate a healthy lifestyle stressing on nutrition.

Subway is famous for their soups, salads, wraps and freshly prepared breads – even their cookies same as their breads are baked daily in their stores.

Their program which can be compared to the popular TV show "Biggest Loser" has become a famous campaign among the community with emphasis on nutrition, health and movement and how to balance our lifestyle and eating habits.

"If you want to lose

weight "for good" this is the opportunity to take advantage of Subway's nutrition program which this year promises to be phenomenal. Participants will follow a 12-week program under the guidance of a professional, of nutrition and training never seen before," says a spokesperson.

Today is the last day to register. Inscription forms can be obtained at all Subways on the island. Just fill out the form and leave it at any of the Subways to be included in the selection. Inscription is open for male or female 18 yrs+ up and must include a full body photo.

After revising all the forms an invite for a casting at Cas di Cultura on August 20th will be extended to the 25 chosen participants for the "Fight for Fit" program, Tai-Foo Lee of Subway explained.

## This weekend on Aruba... REGATTA TIME!!!



August 9, 10 and 11 the fifth Aruba International Regatta. During three days you will experience sailing competition for yachts, beach cats, sunfishes, optimists, windsurfers and kite surfers; three evenings of music and parties for all participants and spectators. Three days of sailing on the Aruba waters.

The Budget Marine cup is the coveted prize for the winner in the most competitive class. This cup will again be awarded this year and has a value of Ar. 1000.

For the youngest sailors

there will be optimist races and there will be down wind races for kite surfers and wind surfers from Barcadara down to Oranjestad, which will certainly render a spectacular view at the end of the afternoon.

At Surfside Beach, next to the airport, a regatta village will be built to ensure entertainment, music, food and beverage and a spectacular view on the races and on idyllic Barcadera Beach the courses will be set for the kiters and the windsurfers in different categories.

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Political leaders also often overlook the key to economic growth: women!

They are intensely seeking solutions to boost domestic economic growth. Yet one solution that is proven and involves half the population is often overlooked. By unlocking the full economic potential of women, Aruba can strengthen productivity, stimulate demand and boost growth.

Women in Business calls to action our female representatives to ask them what specific actions they are going to take to promote female involvement in Aruba's development and specifically female leadership and development of our young female generation.

During the event Women for Women Supporting Women in Politics all female candidates of the political parties will get a chance to present themselves to the female audience. They will be able to share their answers on the questions above and convince the audience why they should vote for HER.

Women in Business invites all women of Aruba to come and use their collective power to put the spotlight on issues long overlooked!

After this presentation there will be an after party during which the female politicians will be mingling with the crowd!

**Date:** September 13, 2013

**Time:** 6 – 9 pm

**Place:** Alhambra Ballroom followed by after party at Fusions

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**NOAA reaffirm forecast for active hurricane season**

With the peak of the 2013 hurricane season approaching in the Atlantic Basin, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has reaffirmed its June forecast for a stormy summer.

Four named tropical storms have formed in the Atlantic Basin — which includes the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Sea —

since the 2013 hurricane season began June 1. None of those storms have strengthened into hurricanes. The NOAA forecast update, released Thursday, says an additional nine to 15 named storms could form before the season ends November 30.

NOAA's updated forecast also predicted that six to nine hurricanes with winds of at

least 74 mph could form. And three to five of those hurricanes could develop into major hurricanes with winds exceeding 110 mph.

In a prepared statement, Gerry Bell, NOAA's lead seasonal hurricane forecaster, said NOAA based its forecast on the fact that conditions are very favorable for storm formation in the Atlantic. Those

conditions include above-average water temperatures and a stronger rainy season in West Africa, which produces wind patterns that help turn storm systems into tropical storms and hurricanes.

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September 10 is considered the peak of the hurricane season for the Atlantic.



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## Obama's proposals on surveillance - Points

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Obama asked Congress to work with the White House to reform one of the most controversial aspects of the Patriot Act, which was passed after the September 11, 2001 attacks, that allows the government to collect records of telephone calls.

Obama insisted that the program, known as Section 215, was "an important tool in our effort to disrupt terrorist plots" but called for "additional safeguards" to address public concerns, including bringing more oversight and transparency.

The Justice Department, in a declassified paper that laid out its legal justification for the efforts, said that the program collects data about telephone calls -- including time, numbers and duration -- but does not record the conversations themselves.

Up to 22 officials at the National Security Agency are in charge of authorizing the data if an individual is suspected of "terrorist" ties, the statement said.

### -- COURT REFORM

Obama called for Congress to reform the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court, a secret tribunal that

approves government requests for surveillance behind closed doors.

Obama called for the court, which now only receives the government's requests without a rebuttal, to start hearing opposing arguments as is customary in virtually all the US judicial system.

### -- TRANSPARENCY

Along with declassifying the Justice Department legal statement, Obama said that the National Security Agency would put in place a "civil liberties and privacy officer" in charge of releasing more information.

Obama said that the US intelligence system would also set up a website to promote transparency about its work.

### -- OUTSIDE BOARD

Obama said he was forming a group of outside experts to review US surveillance to study "how we can maintain the trust of the people" and to look at the effects on foreign policy.

Obama said the board would produce an interim report in 60 days and issue final findings by the end of the year.

## Apple win blocks some Samsung imports in US patent case

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US International Trade Commission on Friday blocked imports of some Samsung electronic devices following complaints by Apple that the South Korean company had violated its patents.

The ruling by the Washington-based US trade body was the latest in a long-running global legal battle over alleged patent infringement between the two smartphone and tablet giants.

The ITC ruled that Samsung had infringed two Apple patents -- numbers 949 and 501 -- but cleared the South Korean company of charges that it had violated four more.

The import block is subject to a review by the White House and less than a week ago the Obama administration overturned an ITC ruling in a patent suit brought by Samsung that would have banned the sale of certain iPads and iPhones in the United States.



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## Caribbean banana farmers 'abandoning fields'



Caribbean banana farmers are abandoning fields where crops have been ravaged by disease and it is apparently making the problem worse.

Black Sigatoka has affected several countries in the region, including Dominica, St. Lucia, Grenada and Guyana, prompting the UN's

Food and Agriculture Organization to step in to support farmers. Ministers in St Vincent and the Grenadines, say efforts to eradicate the disease by cutting back crops with the tell-tale blackened leaves are being hampered by some farmers failing to re-plant with disease-free vari-

eties or alternative crops, reports the Caribbean Media Corporation news agency. It quotes Agriculture Minister Saboto Caesar as saying: "We are seeing the re-growth of the (affected) bananas in those areas... It is providing the perfect environment for Black Sigatoka." The government is ploughing £800,000 of EU aid into tackling the problem, he adds.

Black Sigatoka arrived in the Caribbean in 1991 and has since spread, reportedly reducing the value of exports from St Vincent and the Grenadines by 90%. The banana industry is the biggest sector of the agricultural economy in a nation plagued by high unemployment.



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### British teens arrive home after Zanzibar acid attack

LONDON (AFP) - Two British teenage girls arrived home on Friday badly burned after acid was hurled in their faces in Zanzibar, while the island's authorities offered a reward for the capture of their attackers.

Katie Gee and Kirstie Trup, both 18, were flown to a Royal Air Force base in London and were taken straight to a hospital for further treatment, according to media reports.

The teenagers, both Londoners who had been working as volunteer teachers in Zanzibar, were attacked on Wednesday by two men on a motorbike, in the first such attack on foreigners on the Indian Ocean island.

Television pictures showed two ambulances driving to meet a private jet at the RAF Northolt base in west London.

The girls, close friends who were due to start university in the coming months, are believed to have been taken straight to the specialist burns

unit of a London hospital.

Katie's father Jeremy Gee described the burns as "horrendous".

Marc Trup, Kirstie's father, said the girls were "inconsolable".

Zanzibar's Tourism Minister Said Ali Mbarouk offered a reward of 10 million Tanzanian shillings (\$6,200, 4,600 euros) for information leading to the arrest of the suspects, describing the attack as "a shame on the people of Zanzibar".

Tourism is the lifeblood of the semi-autonomous Tanzanian island, which is famed for its pristine white-sand beaches.

Tanzanian President Jakaya Kikwete, visited the two young women in hospital after they were flown from the island to Tanzania's largest city Dar es Salaam.

Tanzania is predominantly Muslim, some of the island's more conservative Muslims object to foreign tourists who wear revealing clothes, as well as bars selling alcohol.



NAIROBI (AFP) - Kenya's president Uhuru Kenyatta Friday ruled out terrorism as a cause of the fire which ravaged Nairobi's main airport earlier this week while confirming foreign agencies were helping authorities to determine the reason for the blaze. The fire caused no casualties but paralysed the airport Wednesday, the principal aviation hub for east Africa. International and domestic flights were subsequently cancelled. On Friday all flights resumed their flights.

### Two charged in Canada over rape, cyber-bullying case



MONTREAL (AFP) - Two young men were charged Friday in the distribution of child pornography linked to the suicide of a girl who killed herself after months of cyber-bullying, following a sexual assault.

Seventeen-year-old Nova Scotia teenager Rehtaeh Parsons died in April, in a case

that gained nationwide and international media attention over the scourge of Internet bullying.

The identities of the two suspects, both 18, who were minors at the time of the incident, were not revealed.

Parsons was believed to have been bullied mercilessly

### US DEA agent's murderer ordered released in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - A former top Mexican cartel boss who masterminded the kidnap and murder of a US anti-drug agent, has been ordered released in Mexico, a court source said Friday.

A criminal court in the western state of Jalisco approved Rafael Caro Quintero's release on August 7, a court official who asked not to be identified told AFP.

Caro Quintero has served 28 years in prison for the 1985 murder of US Drug Enforcement Administration special agent Enrique Camarena, who was kidnapped in Guadalajara and tortured and murdered.

Caro Quintero, 60, was informed of the court order early Friday and was awaiting a report from the Mexican federal attorney general over whether there were any other pending charges or extradition requests against him, the court official said.

"Camarena was not accredited as either a diplomatic nor a consular agent," the official said.

Camarena's killing produced sharp tensions between the United States and Mexico, which experts say wound up leading to closer cooperation between the two countries on drug trafficking cases.

A founder of the Guadalajara cartel, Caro Quintero was arrested months after the murder in Costa Rica.

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**Sci-Tech****Nikon shares dive on weak demand for digital cameras**

TOKYO (AFP) - Nikon shares plunged 14.29 percent Friday after the Japanese giant warned that compact camera sales were falling through the floor as consumers increasingly turn to picture-taking smartphones.

The soaring popularity of smartphones is crushing demand for point-and-shoot cameras, threatening the once-vibrant sector as firms scramble to hit back with web-friendly features and boost quality.

By Friday's close, Nikon shares had lost 14.29 percent to 1,726 yen. The firm published its weak earnings after markets had closed on Thursday.

Digital camera shipments tumbled almost 43 percent in the first six months of 2013 from a year earlier, according to industry figures.

Just as digital cameras all but destroyed the market for photographic film, the rapid shift to picture-taking smartphones has torn into a camera sector dominated by Japanese firms including Canon, Olympus, Sony and Nikon.

While the drop has been less drastic, Nikon said demand has also been falling for its more profitable interchangeable lens cameras.

**WASHINGTON (AFP)** - At least 124 bottlenose dolphins have washed up along the Atlantic coast since July, a startling number of deaths that has prompted US officials to launch an investigation. Scientists are working to find out if an infectious pathogen may be to blame since several of the dolphins appeared to have lesions in their lungs. An "unusual mortality event" has been declared due to the "unexpected and significant die-off" that has spanned the coasts of New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland and Virginia since early July, said the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Fisheries unit. Eighty-nine were found in July and another 35 have washed up so far this month, a NOAA spokeswoman told AFP on Friday. A NOAA statement released Thursday said "preliminary testing of tissues from one dolphin indicates possible morbillivirus infection, although it is too early to say whether or not morbillivirus may be causing this event." Morbillivirus is similar to a marine mammal form of distemper, which in dogs attacks the central nervous system and causes breathing problems, vomiting, diarrhea, brain swelling and often death. Most of the dolphins were already dead when they were found, scientists said. A small number have been stranded alive, only to die shortly after.



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**LG unveils new device in smartphone war**

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - LG Electronics yesterday unveiled a new device to challenge Apple, Samsung and other rivals in the booming smartphone market.

The G2 was introduced as the first in a new LG premium smartphone line and boasts features that include

control buttons moved from the edges to the back, and a 5.2-inch high-definition screen spanning the front.

"Our definition of innovation today is technology that truly resonates with consumers," said LG mobile communications chief Jong-seok Park.

He referred to the G2 as the most ambitious mobile phone ever produced by the South Korean company.

LG said the smartphone's design incorporated lifestyle research showing that people want ergonomic designs, practical functions and intuitive interaction.

LG is the second-largest maker of Android-powered smartphones, with 6.5 percent of the market in the second quarter of this year, according to a report released Wednesday by International Data Corporation.

Samsung is the world's top Android smartphone with 39.1 percent of the global market, but LG closed the gap slightly during the quarter, IDC reported.

Google's Android software was the world's most popular smartphone platform, ending the second quarter with 79.3 percent of the market as compared with the 13.2 percent held by second-place Apple, according to IDC.

G2 phones will be released in South Korea in coming weeks and then gradually roll out in other countries, according to LG. Pricing was not disclosed.

**Dead fish after huge oil spill in Philippines**

MANILA (AFP) - A huge oil spill shut down parts of the Philippine capital's vital fishing industry Friday, jeopardising the livelihoods of tens of thousands of people living along Manila Bay's diesel-coated coast.

Dead fish floated on the water and some residents fell ill from the fumes, as authorities said an estimated 500,000 litres of oil cast a slick across 20-kilometres of the coastline.

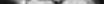
Asis Perez, head of the government's fisheries and aquatic resources bureau, also told AFP the oil spill was impacting a vital section of the region's fishing industry.

Ricafrrente said he had implemented an emergency "food-for-work" programme, in which fishermen and their families would help in the clean-up in exchange for rice and canned goods with the local government.

The residents were collecting diesel from the water using bottles and other improvised scooping implements.

The suspected 34,000-barrel-capacity M/T Makisig tanker of the oil spill and its crew have been detained.



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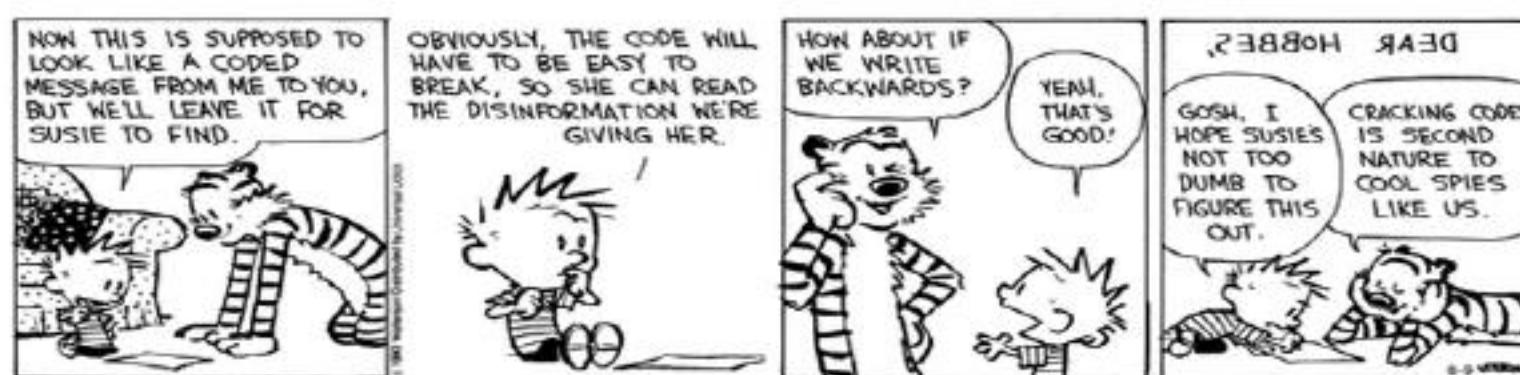
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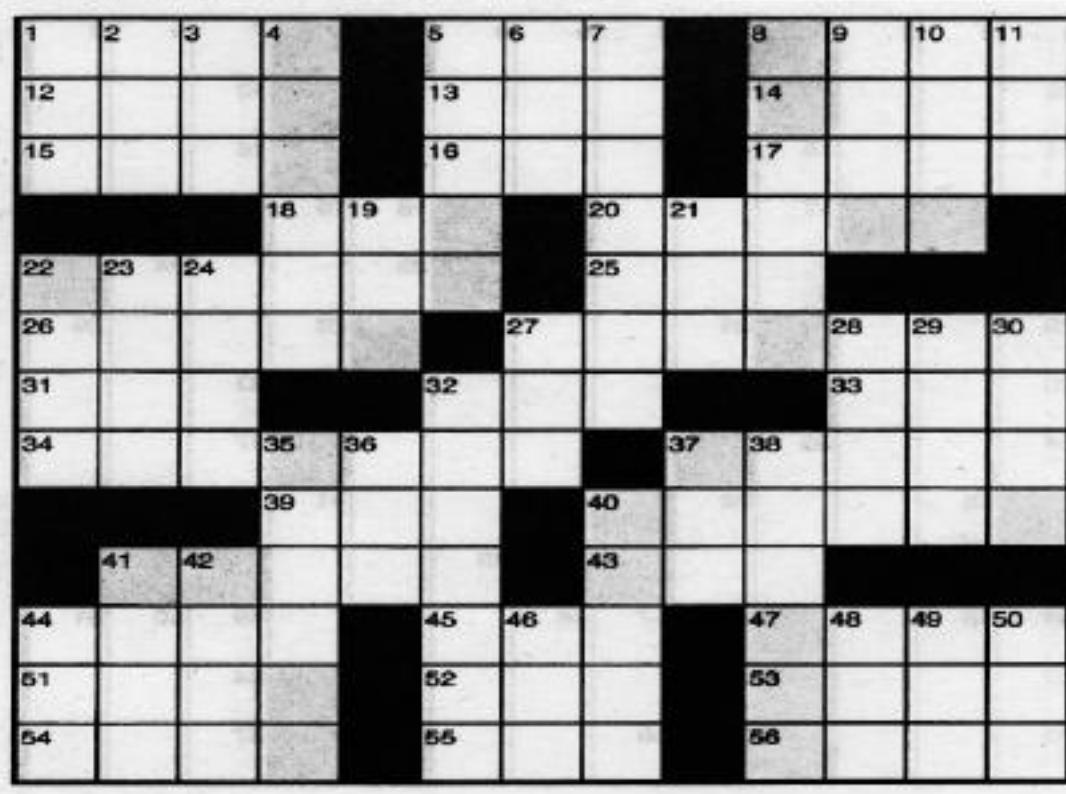
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## America Movil makes mega bid for Dutch KPN

THE HAGUE (AFP) - Mexican telecom operator America Movil on Friday launched a bid for Dutch KPN, valuing it at 10.2 billion euros (\$13.6 billion), putting KPN's intended sale of German subsidiary E-Plus in question.

The move for full control comes against a background of high-stakes manoeuvres and changes of scenery in the European mobile telecoms market.

America Movil, owned by tycoon Carlos Slim, already has a 29.77-percent stake in the Dutch telecoms company after launching a hostile partial takeover in the summer of 2012.

It has offered 2.4 euros per share for the remaining holding -- a premium of more than 35 percent of the average closing price of the stock in the past 30 days of trade, the company said in a statement.

The price of shares in KPN leapt 16 percent to 2.32 euros on Friday.

The Mexican operator launched the bid without waiting for approval from KPN's management.

KPN's board of directors said it had "taken note" of the bid and would give the offer careful consideration, but would explore all the options available.

The deal comes as Europe's mobile market is in the midst of massive upheaval. One example is the recent arrival of low-cost operator Free in France which has created turmoil for established operators.

Last month, America Movil ended an agreement not to increase its stake in KPN to more than 30 percent, after the Dutch operator said it was selling its German subsidiary, E-Plus to Telefonica of Spain.

Telefonica, a major competitor with America Movil in Latin America, wants to dilute its dependence on southern European economies with the acquisition of E-Plus at a price of 5.0 billion euros.

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That deal still needs the approval of shareholders, who are expected to meet in the next few weeks.

America Movil (AMX) has said publicly that it has not yet decided how it will vote on the sale, but some analysts believe the bid to take control of KPN is aimed at blocking the deal.

"In our view, AMX was forced to this bid by the E-Plus deal," said ABN Amro analyst Marc Hessink. "Without E-Plus there is limited strategic value in KPN and hence limited chance that America Movil will see a return on its initial KPN investment."

KPN had put the unit up for sale in a strategy to refocus its activities and strengthen its structure as a business.

KPN has announced a 68-percent fall in net profit for the second quarter of 2013 to 108 million euros. Sales in the period were off 8.1 percent from the figure a year earlier to 2.93 billion euros, the company said.

"Conditions remained challenging in the first half of 2013, however we have further strengthened our market positions," chief executive Eelco Blok said.

America Movil said its objective in bidding for KPN was to "facilitate greater operational cooperation and coordination between the two companies, to exploit all areas for potential partnerships and to intensify the realisation of synergy potential for both companies".

It added that it "aims to support to a greater extent KPN's plans in a rapidly changing environment in Europe so that both companies benefit from their respective experiences in the sector".

-- Dow Jones Newswires contributed to this report --



**RAWABI (AFP)** - A picture taken on August, 6, 2013 shows workers on a construction site in the new city of Rawabi, between Ramallah and Nablus in the north of the West Bank. Rawabi, that includes homes for at least 25.000 residents, and perhaps in the end even 40.000, is the first planned city of its kind and the largest privately-funded development project in Palestinian history.

## FINANCE

### Obama: Summers, Yellen both 'highly qualified' for Fed

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama said Friday that the two leading candidates to head the Federal Reserve, Janet Yellen and Larry Summers, are both fully qualified for the job.



Mr. Larry Summers

Acknowledging that the two economists are among his candidates to succeed current Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke in January, Obama said both were suitable to take on the central bank's mission to con-

trol inflation and boost employment.

"The Federal Reserve chairman is not just one of the most important economic policy-makers in America, he or she is one of the most important policymakers in the world," Obama told reporters.

Obama stressed his responsibility "to make sure the economy is growing quickly and robustly and is sustained and durable so that people who work hard in this country are able to find a job."

"My main criteria for the Federal Reserve chairman is somebody who understands they've got a dual mandate," he said in a press conference at the White House.

"A critical part of the job is making sure that we keep inflation in check, that our monetary policy is sound, that the dollar is sound."

"But the other mandate is full employment... The challenge is we've still got too many people out of work, too many long-term unemployed,



Mrs. Janet Yellen

too much slack in the economy, and we're not growing as fast as we should."

"So I want a Fed chairman who's able to look at those issues and have a perspective that keeps an eye on inflation."

"Frankly, I think both Larry Summers and Janet Yellen are highly qualified candidates."

Obama, who is expected to nominate Bernanke's successor as soon as September, said he had "a range of outstanding candidates" for the job.

### US stocks end dull week with a sag

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - US stocks Friday closed lower despite strong Chinese economic data, finishing a sluggish trading week on a down note.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 72.81 (0.47 percent) to 15,425.51.

The broad-based S&P 500 fell 6.06 (0.36 percent) to 1,691.42, while the tech-rich Nasdaq Composite Index gave up 9.01 (0.25 percent) at 3,660.11.

There was little concrete news to spark support for

prices. The market brushed off news that Chinese industrial production rose 9.7 percent in July, well above expectations of 9.0 percent, more evidence of strength in the world's second largest economy.

Analysts said Friday's losses were accentuated by light trading volume as many investors were on summer holiday.

Last week's trade was "a chance maybe to take some profits," after the Dow and S&P 500 finished at record highs the previous week, said William Lynch, director of investment at Hinsdale Associates.

Large gains were posted by industrials Alcoa (up 3.9 percent) and Dow Chemical (up 3.1 percent).

Tech giant Apple fell 1.4 percent. Market watchers awaited a key possible patent decision later in the day from the International Trade Commission that could block the import of some products from Apple rival Samsung.

Online travel company Priceline jumped 3.9 percent after earnings came in at \$9.70 per share, well above the \$9.38 forecast by analysts. The company projects a year-over-year increase of 27-34 percent in travel bookings in the next

quarter.

Retailer JC Penney fell 5.8 after a public fight escalated between large shareholder and board member William Ackman and other company leaders.

In the latest twist, Ackman called for a new chairman of the board after the current chairman criticized Ackman's high-profile efforts to find a new chief executive.

Smartphone maker BlackBerry jumped 5.7 percent following a report that the company is open to going private

Cloud computing company Rackspace Hosting gained 8.2 percent after earnings came in at 16 cents per share, three cents above expectations.

Nvidia, which develops graphics chips for computers and smartphones, fell 1.4 percent after forecasting third-quarter revenues of \$1.05 billion, below the \$1.1 billion expected by analysts.

Bond prices rose. The yield on the 10-year US Treasury slipped to 2.58 percent from 2.59 percent Thursday, while the 30-year dropped to 3.64 percent from 3.67 percent. Bond prices and yields move inversely.

## Swiss store says 'misunderstanding' in Oprah racism row



ZURICH (AFP) - A Swiss luxury boutique denied any wrongdoing Friday after US chat show queen Oprah Winfrey claimed she had been the subject of racism when a shop assistant allegedly refused to show her an expensive handbag.

Oprah's widely publicised claim comes amid a row over racism in Switzerland, where a move to ban asylum seekers from some public facilities including swimming pools and gyms has sparked a storm of protest.

Winfrey, one of the richest women in the world, said she had been in Zurich for US singer Tina Turner's wedding in July and had spotted a swanky crocodile handbag while out shopping.

"I'm in a store, a name-brand store. I'm by myself, absolutely nobody else with me. And I say to the woman, 'I would like to see that bag on the shelf,'" Winfrey told fellow US talk show host Larry King on Internet channel ora.tv.

"And she says, 'No, that one's too expensive. I'll show you this one,'" said Winfrey.

She did not directly describe the incident as racist, but recounted it after telling King of a "racist moment" in New York years ago when she and her hairdresser were refused entry to a luxury store which had been robbed previously by two black people.

On its Twitter feed, Switzerland Tourism apologised and said the saleswoman had behaved inappropriately.

Trudie Goetz, head of the Swiss luxury chain Trois Pommes, denied her saleswoman had ever sought to stop Winfrey buying the bag.

"Everyone wants to sell a crocodile bag," Goetz told AFP.

"It's a misunderstanding," she said, adding that the saleswoman always put the customer first and tried to be "too kind".

"She explained how beautiful the bag was, then she said, 'Honestly this bag costs 35,000 Swiss francs, but I can show you other versions in ostrich, in pure leather and in velour,'" Goetz said.

In dollars, the bag is worth \$38,000 -- small change for Winfrey, whose wealth is estimated at \$2.8 billion by Forbes magazine.

Winfrey joked that she had been tempted to buy up the entire store, recalling a scene in the movie "Pretty Woman" where Julia Roberts' prostitute character has the last laugh in a snobbish shop.

"I wanted to create a Pretty Woman moment and come back and buy everything and say, 'Big mistake!'. But then I thought she'd get a commission, so let's not do that," she told King.

The controversy is likely to further inflame a row over the treatment of asylum seekers in Switzerland.

On Friday, the government was forced to deny they would be banned from certain public spaces after one local authority controversially agreed to bar them.

Switzerland takes in more asylum seekers than any other European country as a proportion of total population -- four or five times more than France, Italy or Germany.

Trois Pommes's Goetz said no disciplinary action was planned against the saleswoman.

"She's a great person. She's highly qualified. She also works in the shop in St Moritz and she takes care of prestigious clients," she said.

Trois Pommes was still considering how to respond to the claims, and would take legal advice, she added.

Winfrey, 59, was last month named the most powerful celebrity in the world by Forbes.

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## Giant Maya Carvings Found in Guatemala



The enormous frieze—which measures 26 feet by nearly 7 feet (8 meters by 2 meters)—depicts human figures in a mythological setting, suggesting these may be deified rulers. It was discovered in July in the buried foundations of a rectangular pyramid in Holmul.

Maya archaeologist Francisco Estrada-Belli and his team were excavating a tunnel left open by looters when they happened upon the frieze. "The looters had come close to it, but they hadn't seen it," Estrada-Belli said.

According to Estrada-Belli, the frieze is one of the best preserved examples of its kind. "It's 95 percent preserved. There's only one corner that's not well preserved because it's too close to the surface, but the rest of it isn't missing any parts," said Estrada-Belli, who is affiliated with Tulane University, Boston University, and the

American Museum of Natural History and who is also a National Geographic Explorer. His excavations at Holmul were supported by the National Geographic Society/Watson Grants Program.

Maya archaeologist Marcello Canuto agreed, calling the frieze "amazingly and beautifully preserved."

"We often dream of finding things this well preserved, and Francisco did it," said Canuto, who is the director of the Middle American Research Institute at Tulane University in New Orleans; he was not involved in the project.

For example, despite being mostly faded away now, traces of red, blue, green, and yellow paint are still visible on the frieze.

"It gives you an idea of how intricate and ornate these sites that we are excavating must have been during their apogee," Canuto said. "These sites must have been a feast for

the eyes when they were inhabited."

David Stuart, a Maya hieroglyph expert at the University of Texas at Austin, pointed out that archaeologists think most large Maya temples were probably decorated with similar sorts of designs.

*This photo mosaic of the recently unearthed Maya frieze in the city of Holmul was digitally stitched together from hundreds of high-resolution photos by team member Alexandre Tokovinine, a Maya epigrapher at Harvard University.*

*The frieze depicts three human figures wearing elaborate bird headdresses and jade jewelry. They are seated cross-legged over the head of a Maya mountain spirit. A cartouche on their headdresses identifies each of them by name. The central figure's name is the only readable one: Och Chan Yopaat, meaning "the storm god enters the sky."*

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## Eat like a local at The Queen's restaurant at Palm Beach Plaza



**Keshi Yena with plaintains, vegetables and pica**

-- An elegant décor with a breezy terrace overlooking Palm Beach welcomes guests to Varella Innocencia's very popular restaurant showcasing authentic local cuisine:

### The Queen's

They may have moved from Oranjestad to hipper new digs in Palm Beach Plaza, but the food and prices are strictly native, which is what first won this charming

eateries their loyal clientele. Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, acknowledged on the menu with items such as "Carni Stoba di Mamachi" - "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak, along with local delicacies like Keshi Yena - "Full Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of

chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lends that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.)

Seafood main courses of Catch of the Day Aruban Style to shrimp and a mixed seafood platter with shrimp, fish, squid, scallops and mussels. Meat dishes such as



**Varella, Luisa and the next generation of chef**

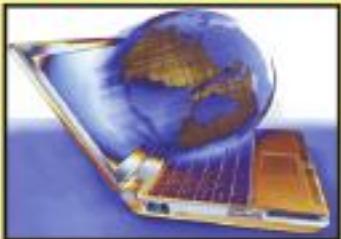
BBQ Chicken and Ribs or Grilled Tenderloin, each including a choice of 2 side dishes; all quite yummy and bargain-priced to boot!

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to truly eat like a

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**FIBA Asia championship in Manila**

MANILA - Chinese Taipei rallied from a big first-half deficit to defeat China, 96-78, in the quarterfinals of the FIBA Asia Championship on Friday at the Mall of Asia Arena. It was the first victory ever in the Cross-Straits matchup for Chinese Taipei in the Asian basketball championship. Other results on Friday - Philippines 88 Kazakhstan 58 and Iran 94 Jordan 50.

**Guinness International Champions Cup**

MIAMI GARDENS - Miami was abuzz with 67,273-strong crowd for Chelsea and Real Madrid who faced off for the title Guinness ICC in the inaugural competition, played in Spain and across the United States over the past two weeks. Real Madrid won over Chelsea, 3-1, in a dramatic game that was certainly not treated like a friendly by the players or the fans. The biggest roars came from Cristiano Ronaldo who scored a free kick over the Chelsea wall in the 31st minute and then another in a perfectly timed shot in the 57th minute. Anticipation for the match was high, as it was the first time that Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho had faced off against Real Madrid, the team he left under scandalous circumstances in May. In earlier game for the third place AC Milan won 2-0 from LA Galaxy.

**Tennis: Canadian Pospisil advances as Davydenko quits**

MONTREAL (AFP) - Canadian wild card Vasek Pospisil reached his first ATP Masters 1000 semi-final on Friday when Russian Nikolay Davydenko retired because of illness while trailing 3-0.

The unexpected turn of events in the quarter-final of the Montreal Masters continued a remarkable run of success for the host nation. Pospisil, ranked 71st in the world, now awaits the winner of a quarter-final clash between 11th-seeded compatriot Milos Raonic or Latvian Ernests Gulbis, who toppled Wimbledon champion Andy Murray.

In other quarter-finals, top seeded and three-time Canadian champion Novak Djokovic takes on France's Richard Gasquet and Spain's fourth-seeded Rafael Nadal faces Australian qualifier Marinko Matosevic.

Pospisil won a title on the low-level Challenger circuit last weekend in Vancouver, but has never been this far at an elite event.

He had reached the quarters with his first victory over a top-10 player, beating Tomas Berdych on Thursday.

He played a semi-final last month on clay in Bogota at a smaller ATP Tour event.

**SPORTS****Football: Guardiola starts Bayern reign with victory**

Bayern Munich's Dutch midfieler Arjen Robben celebrates after the first goal

BERLIN (AFP) - Pep Guardiola began his reign as Bayern Munich coach in the Bundesliga with a 3-1 win over Borussia Moenchengladbach as the new German league season kicked-off on Friday.

Ex-Barcelona boss Guardiola took charge of the Champions League winners eight weeks ago after predecessor Jupp Heynckes had steered Bayern to the treble of European, league and cup titles last season.

It was a brighter start in the

German league for the Spaniard at Bayern than at Barcelona in La Liga, where the 42-year-old lost his first game 1-0 to CD Numancia in the 2008-09 season before going on to win 14 titles in four years.

Having broken or equalled 25 records in winning last season's Bundesliga title by 25 points, defending champions Bayern earned their first three points of the new season at home with Arjen Robben and Mario Mandzukic scoring early on.

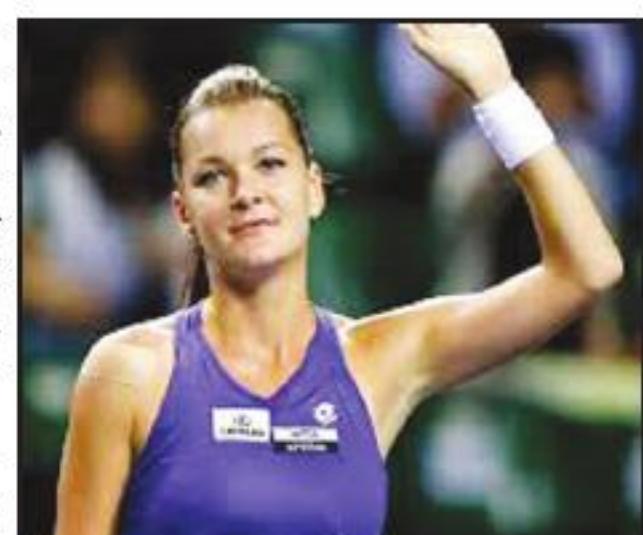
**Tennis: Radwanska reaches Toronto semi-finals**

TORONTO (AFP) - Third-seeded Agnieszka Radwanska booked a semi-final berth at the WTA Toronto tournament on Friday with a 7-6 (7/1), 7-5 victory over fifth-seeded Sara Errani.

In a match that featured a total of 15 service breaks, Poland's Radwanska managed to hold in the final game of the contest to secure the victory and avenge a quarter-final loss to the Italian at Roland Garros this year.

After an early exchange of breaks in the third set, Radwanska broke Errani for a 5-4 lead, but dropped her serve in the next game.

She broke Errani again for a 6-5 lead and a chance to serve for the match, and this time made no mistake, taking



a 40-15 lead and securing the win after two hours and one minute with a thumping forehand that Errani couldn't get back.

In the semi-finals world number four Radwanska will face either world number one Serena Williams or Slovakian Magdalena Rybarikova.

While Rybarikova is unseeded in this \$2.369 million tournament she arrived in Toronto riding the momentum of a second straight title in Washington.

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## Golf: Dufner fires 63 to match major record low, lead PGA

ROCHESTER (AFP) - American Jason Dufner matched the low 18-hole score in major golf history on Friday, firing a seven-under par 63 to take the clubhouse lead at the 95th PGA Championship.

On an Oak Hill Country Club course that was drenched by rain showers all morning, Dufner fired five birdies and an eagle to stand two strokes atop the leaderboard at nine-under 131 for 36 holes in the \$8 million tournament.

Dufner became the 24th player to shoot 63 in a major. The feat has been done 26 total times, with Australian Greg Norman and Fiji's Vijay Singh accomplishing it twice.



Jack Nicklaus, Tiger Woods, Rory McIlroy, Nick Price and Nick Faldo are among the other players to shoot 63 in a major.

Dufner's round also set a course record at Oak Hill, breaking the mark of 64 shared by fellow Americans Ben Hogan from the 1942 Times-Union Open, Curtis Strange from the 1980 US Open and Webb Simpson earlier on Friday.

Dufner had a 12-foot birdie putt at the 18th hole to shoot

62 but left it 18 inches short and his tap-in for par and 63 dropped in off the right edge of the cup.

Australian Adam Scott, the reigning Masters champion, and American Matt Kuchar were in the clubhouse on 133 while Jim Furyk, who co-led with Scott after a 65 on Thursday, was at eight-under with two holes remaining in his second round.

England's Justin Rose, the reigning US Open champion, was on 134.

Former player Jack Clark says Pujols, 'juiced'.

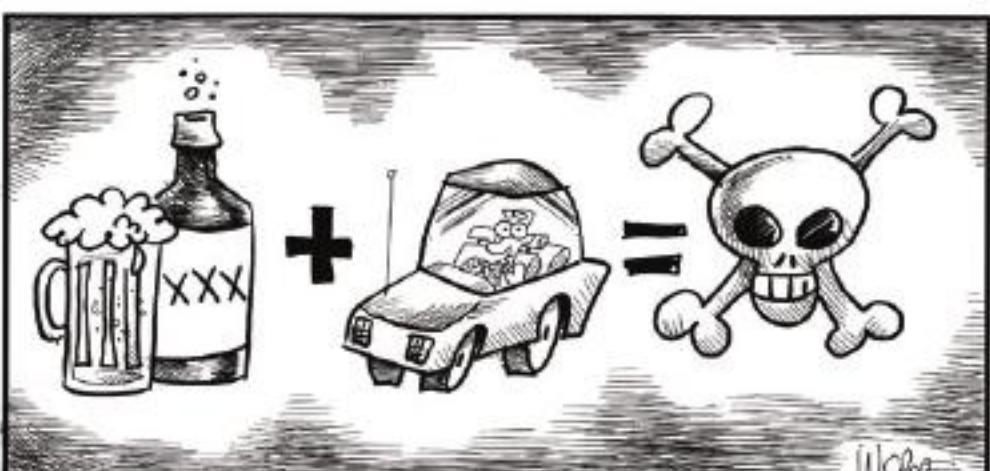
--Former major leaguer Jack Clark on Friday fired a juicy salvo against slugger Albert Pujols. "I know for a fact he (Pujols) was a 'juicer'. The trainer that worked with him, threw him batting practice from Kansas City, that worked him out every day, basically told me that's what he did." Clark said to his radio-co-host. The trainer in question is Jack Mihlfeld, who was Pujols' former personal trainer in the early 2000s when Clark was the Dodgers' hitting coach. Mihlfeld called Clark's accusation "simply not true." Pujols, who signed a 10-year, \$240 million deal with the Angels after the 2011 season, has struggled to keep up with the historic offensive pace he set in St. Louis. This season, the three-time MVP is batting just .258 with 17 homers and 64 RBI in 99 games going into Friday night.



CHICAGO (AFP) - Starting pitcher John Danks #50 of the Chicago White Sox delivers during the first inning of Game One of a doubleheader against the Minnesota Twins at U.S. Cellular Field on Friday. Twins won 7-5 from White Sox.

MLB Standings									
American League			National League						
East	W	L	Pct	GB	East	W	L	Pct	GB
BOSTON	70	47	.598	--	ATLANTA	70	45	.609	--
TAMPA	66	47	.584	2.5	WASHINGTON	54	60	.474	15.5
BALTIMORE	63	51	.553	5.0	NY METS	52	60	.464	16.5
YANKEES	57	56	.504	11.0	PHILADELPHIA	52	62	.456	17.5
TORONTO	53	61	.465	15.5	MIAMI	43	70	.381	26.0
Central									
DETROIT	68	45	.602	--	PITTSBURGH	70	44	.614	--
CLEVELAND	62	53	.539	7.0	ST. LOUIS	66	48	.579	4.0
KANSAS	59	53	.527	8.5	CINCINNATI	63	51	.553	7.0
MINNESOTA	50	62	.446	17.5	CHICAGO	50	64	.439	20.0
CHICAGO	43	70	.381	25.0	MILWAUKEE	49	66	.426	21.5
West									
OAKLAND	64	49	.566	--	DODGERS	64	50	.561	--
TEXAS	65	50	.565	--	ARIZONA	58	55	.513	5.5
SEATTLE	53	61	.465	11.5	SAN DIEGO	52	62	.456	12.0
LA ANGELES	51	62	.451	13.0	COLORADO	52	64	.448	13.0
HOUSTON	37	76	.327	27.0	SAN FRANCISCO	51	63	.447	13.0

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## **Obama says against boycott of Russian Winter Olympics**

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama said Friday he was against a boycott of Russia's Winter Olympics next year over a controversial new law banning "homosexual propaganda."

"I want to just make very clear right now, I do not think it's appropriate to boycott the Olympics," Obama said at a rare White House news conference.

Russia's President Vladimir Putin signed the law in June as part of a wider political crackdown, to the consternation of gay rights activists around the world, some of whom called for a boycott.

"Nobody's more offended than me by some of the anti-gay and lesbian legislation that you've been seeing in Russia," Obama said.

"One of the things I'm really looking forward to is maybe some guy and lesbian athletes bringing home the gold, silver or bronze, which would I think go a long way in rejecting the kind of attitudes that we're seeing there."

Last month, US Senator Lindsey Graham said he thought the United States should consider a boycott of next February's Sochi Games if Russia were to grant intelligence leaker Edward Snowden asylum.

Moscow has since granted the 30-year-old one-year safe haven, resulting in a chill in US-Russian relations.

The call was rejected by the US Olympic Committee.

Americans boycotted the 1980 Moscow Summer Olympics in the wake of the Soviet Union invasion of Afghanistan.

## **Golf: Masters win only boosted Scott's major hunger**

ROCHESTER (AFP) - Winning the Masters brought Adam Scott the major title he always dreamed of winning. It also inspired a whole new dream of maximizing his major trophy haul.

The 33-year-old Australian, shaking off a disappointing British Open defeat for the second year in a row, took his next step in that quest Friday at the PGA Championship, firing a two-under par 68 at Oak Hill to reach seven-under par 133 after

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36 holes.

Scott became the first Aussie to win a green jacket with his April triumph at Augusta National and with his game fine tuned has made himself a Wanamaker Trophy contender as well.

"I can't take my foot off the gas just because I achieved something great at Augusta," Scott said. "My game is in great shape. I've got to take advantage of it otherwise it's all a waste."



Scott squandered a four-shot lead with four concluding bogeys to lose the British Open last year at Royal Lytham, then missed again this year after being in the hunt over the final holes.

His resolve in setting aside those setbacks and fighting for the next major title comes from the major appetite he still feels, as if the Masters win was only an appetizer in a feast that is his for the taking.

Scott wants to make the most of his Masters momen-

tum before he has to defend his crown in eight months.

When it comes to his game, Scott says things can only get better.

A key factor Scott cites in his success is spending more time working on his game and playing fewer tournaments.

Scott has long said that his next 10 years should be the best of his career and seeing Phil Mickelson win the British Open at 43 only boosted the notion that his best is yet to come.